

Public Notice: INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT



Notice of Intent to Issue a Partial Permit for Hazardous Waste Treatment and Storage at the INL [Docket # 10HW-0801]

Notice Issued: 04/04/08

What is the Purpose of This Notice? Hazardous Waste Management Act (HWMA)/Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) permits are issued for terms of 10 years. At the conclusion of each term, permittees are required to apply for a new Permit to continue operating. DEQ is proposing to issue a partial permit to renew the expiring Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) Storage permit. Permits are not unilaterally approved by DEQ. Prior to approving a Partial Permit, the public and the applicant are provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed Partial Permit prepared by DEQ.

What Is Proposed & What are the Proposed Actions? The US Department of Energy (DOE) has requested a renewal for the AMWTP Storage Permit along with integration of the still effective AMWTP Treatment Permit into the renewed AMWTP Permit. The draft Partial Permit sets forth procedural requirements for the management of mixed waste (RCRA hazardous and radioactive), as well as closure of the units to ensure protection of human health and the environment. The draft Partial Permit is hereby proposed for approval.

Describe the Facility Subject to Permitting: AMWTP is located in the south-western portion of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), in Butte County, ID. AMWTP is operated for DOE by their

contractor Bechtel BWTX, ID, LLC (BBWI). The AMWTP units consist of eight storage modules and one treatment facility that are part of this permitting action. AMWTP treats and characterizes mixed waste to make it acceptable for shipment to a final disposal facility. HWMA Units identified in this proposed permit are currently operating under the current AMWTP HWMA/RCRA Storage and Treatment permits.

What Permit Conditions are Affected? The Partial Permit, in its entirety, is open for public review and comment.

Where Can I Get More Information?
In person: The draft Partial Permit and fact sheet may be reviewed at DEQ's State Office located at 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho or at DEQ's Idaho Falls Regional Office located at 900 North Skyline, Suite B, Idaho Falls, ID.
Online: A copy of the fact sheet and the draft Partial Permit is available online at www.deq.idaho.gov/public/index.cfm.
By phone: Contact Ms. Jenny Shafer at (208) 373-0502.

Persons wanting to be added or deleted from the facility mailing list should contact Ms. René Anderson at the same address and/or at (208) 373-0210.

When are Written Comments Due? 5 p.m. on 05/19/08. Comments should be addressed to Robert Bullock, c/o Ms. Jenny Shafer, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

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Who Will Be Responsible for Implementing This Partial Permit? DOE, BBWI, and contractors.

What are DEQ's Responsibilities? DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality, and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities.

What Legal Requirements Apply? Idaho's rules require that DEQ provide an owner or operator and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on the draft Partial Permit.

What Happens Next? DEQ will consider any comments and/or requests for a hearing on the draft Partial Permit, and will either announce a time and place for a hearing, modify the draft Partial Permit, or approve the Partial Permit as proposed.